

Carmel Jacob, Training Co-ordinator

CLEM HIRE TRAINING

Carmel Jacob is sister to Clem Jacob, founder of the company Clem Jacob Hire, which started 20 years ago, in May, 2006.

She joined the company in September of that year and co-ordinates and organises events and training and customer relations.

Her background is in organising and co-ordinating after spending six years working for pharmacy chain Boots as a Pharmacy Rota Manager.

"I coordinated pharmacists across all stores in the Republic of Ireland — pharmacies cannot operate without a pharmacist — so managing schedules and staffing involved coordinating a large number of people. It's a different field, but the organisational skills are very similar," she told The Munster Express.

"When I started here, everyone did a bit of everything and then we defined into our roles as everything evolved," she said.

Carmel has seen Clem Jacob Hire grow over the past two decades from a machinery and tool hire business to include a state-of-the-art training centre.

"When the training started, we were doing maybe one course a week, but now we could have ten courses a week, it's just so busy."

She also noted that the company now has a fleet of hoists numbering nearly 160 — probably one of the biggest fleets in the south east.

Carmel said she is delighted to be part of the milestone 20th Anniversary celebrations of the company.

"It's fantastic — just to see it evolving, we really are proud

of it," she said.

Like any siblings, there can be rivalry between herself and her brother Clem, and jests: "we kill each other", but adds: "it's great fun — most of the time".

Carmel is a native of Cheekpoint. She attended Faithlegg school, followed by the Presentation School in Waterford.

While she later moved into the city, Carmel emphasises: "I'll always be a proud Cheekpointer at heart".

GOOD SERVICE

What does Carmel think the name 'Clem Jacob Hire' means to people?

"I hope that, to people, the name Clem Jacob Hire represents good service," Carmel said.

She joked that customers often say the solution to any issue is simply to "just ring Clem."

"For instance, we have put up Christmas trees for one particular company and decorated — every day is different in here! At the time of the Beast from the East, we were driving people to / from

companies that couldn't leave their projects unmanned," said Carmel.

"We could get a call for a hoist one minute, and the next minute receive a request for a marquee to keep cows dry — no two days are ever the same here. We've built a great rapport with our customers, and that relationship is incredibly important to us," she said.

Carmel said there are many customers who have been with them since the start.

"We have great customers and even the craic with them is great, there's never a dull moment."

TRAINING

Carmel said Clem Jacob Hire offers health and safety training to industry and companies, either on-site or at their training facilities at Six Cross Roads Business Park. The company also runs public courses regularly for individuals, and just over two years ago, they became an IPAF (International Powered Access Federation) accredited training centre,



Bronwyn Geary, Accounts Administration, Carmel Jacob, Training/Events co-ordinator and Maria Corcoran, Accounts Manager.

which provides training to people using scissors and boom hoists.

She said that training goes hand-in-hand with hiring machinery and the company offers many training courses including Mobile Elevated Work Platform (MEWP) and safety harness training.

As well as IPAF and MEWP

training, Carmel said other training courses offered by Clem Jacob Hire includes counterbalance forklift training, manual handling, power pallet truck training, abrasive wheel training and working at heights training, while in the coming months, the company will expand its training offering.

Accura Diamond Tools Ltd

**Supplier of Cutting, Drilling & Grinding Tooling
For Concrete, Stone, Tiles & Cementitious Materials**

**Congratulations to Clem Jacob Hire Ltd
on 20 Super Years !!**

**Diamond Blades & Cores
Consaws & Core Drills
Dustless Solutions
Tile Blades & Drill Bits,
Large Concrete Saws,
ICS Concrete Chainsaws,
Surface Prep Equipment,
Consaw Service & Repair
Concrete Remover Agent
& Much, Much More.....**



"Cut & Drill with Accuracy"

086 882 1234

(01) 610 5055

www.accura.ie

info@accura.ie

Parkwest, Dublin



Philip Sinnott

Toilet Hire LTD

**Happy
20th Anniversary**
to Clem and the team from Philip,
Carmel, Damien and Matthew.

CONTACT: PHILIP

MOB: (086) 6485429

EMAIL: psab@live.ie